

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A magnetic memory device comprising:  
first wirings which run in a first direction and  
are divided in a second direction different from the  
5 first direction;  
a second wiring which runs in the second  
direction; and  
a first magneto-resistive element which is  
arranged across the first divided wirings near an  
10 intersection of the first and second wirings in a first  
memory cell region.
2. A device according to claim 1, wherein the  
first wirings are divided on the same plane.
3. A device according to claim 1, wherein  
15 a distance between the first wirings is shorter than  
a length of the first magneto-resistive element in the  
second direction.
4. A device according to claim 1, wherein an  
intensity of a magnetic field generated upon supplying  
20 a current to the first wirings has a plurality of  
maximum values within a plane of the first  
magneto-resistive element.
5. A device according to claim 4, wherein  
the maximum value exists at an end of the first  
25 magneto-resistive element.
6. A device according to claim 1, wherein the  
second wiring is divided into a plurality of wirings in

the first direction.

7. A device according to claim 6, wherein  
a distance between the second divided wirings is  
shorter than a length of the first magneto-resistive  
5 element in the first direction.

8. A device according to claim 1, wherein the  
first wirings include word lines.

9. A device according to claim 1, wherein the  
first wirings include bit lines.

10 10. A device according to claim 1, wherein, of  
the first divided wirings, one wiring is arranged in  
contact with the first magneto-resistive element, and  
the other wiring is arranged apart from the first  
magneto-resistive element.

15 11. A device according to claim 10, wherein  
said one wiring is used as a write/read wiring  
for the first magneto-resistive element, and  
said other wiring is used as a write wiring for  
the first magneto-resistive element.

20 12. A device according to claim 10, wherein the  
first magneto-resistive element has a first step.

13. A device according to claim 10, which further  
comprises

25 a second memory cell region adjacent to one side  
of the first memory cell region,

a third memory cell region adjacent to the other  
side of the first memory cell region,

a second magneto-resistive element which is  
arranged in the second memory cell region, and

a third magneto-resistive element which is  
arranged in the third memory cell region, and

5 in which said one wiring runs from the first  
memory cell region into the second memory cell region,  
and is arranged apart from the second magneto-resistive  
element, and

said other wiring runs from the first memory cell  
10 region into the third memory cell region, and is  
arranged in contact with the third magneto-resistive  
element.

14. A device according to claim 13, wherein  
said one wiring is used as a write wiring for the  
15 second magneto-resistive element, and

said other wiring is used as a write/read wiring  
for the third magneto-resistive element.

15. A device according to claim 13, wherein  
the second magneto-resistive element has a second  
20 step, and

the third magneto-resistive element has a third  
step.

16. A device according to claim 1, wherein the  
first divided wirings are connected in a peripheral  
25 circuit region outside the first memory cell region.

17. A device according to claim 16, wherein a  
wiring pitch between the first wirings is different

between the first memory cell region and the peripheral circuit region.

18. A device according to claim 1, which further comprises

5           a fourth memory cell region adjacent to the first memory cell region in the first direction, and

          a fourth magneto-resistive element which is arranged in the fourth memory cell region, and

          in which one of the first divided wirings is used  
10 as a write wiring of the fourth magneto-resistive element.

19. A device according to claim 1, wherein a width of each the first wirings is shorter than a length of the first magneto-resistive element in the second  
15 direction.